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Dear Mr. Nachbar & Staff:

Earlier this year, our cousin passed away. He had been a coin collector for fifty years, but what we didn't know was that it had become an obsession. The collection was a maze of boxes and bags filling almost every room in his home, with a total weight of over 21,000 pounds. We were unsure of who we could trust to oversee the sale of this massive collection.

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May I say this one more time "**Wow**" the FUN convention is over again! It always amazes me that we work all year and look forward to the FUN convention and in a bat of the eye, it is over. It was so nice to see friends and make new friendships here in Orlando. The type of friendships that we as numismatists make are normally life long and we get to see each other several time a year, regardless of where we live. It is an honor for me to be able to call so many of you my friend. Thank you.

The effects of the weather certainly did not cool the FUN convention this year. Without a doubt, this was one of the coldest FUN conventions that we have had in many years. Many of you approached me and told me that they wanted to come to sunny and warm Florida to get out of the cold in the north. Sorry, once in a great while, it does get pretty cold down here. You were also treated to something that has not happened in 33 years here in Central Florida "Very light" Snow and Sleet. Though light, it was still rare and historic.

For all of you who are wondering, this year's FUN convention broke last years record the largest show. I am sure that **Cindy Wibker**, FUN's convention coordinator will cover the numbers in her "Sincerely Cindy" section of these FUN Topics.

Speaking of Cindy, I want thank her for another fantastic convention. Very few people understand the amount of work that this lady puts in to each convention. There is not a convention coordinator in the country that puts in as much time, energy and love into her work. Cindy lives and breathes FUN.

One of the greatest benefits of being the President of FUN, other than the title, is being able to recognize those who have given of themselves over the years to the benefit of FUN. These people never expect anything from FUN, but are always there to help out if needed. On Wednesday night, January 6th, I attended the ICTA Board meeting. While there, I was honored to give FUN Presidential Awards to two outstanding individuals who have given their time and energy to the numismatic community day in and day out. Those two people are: **Diane Piret** and **Eloise Ullman**. Diane and Eloise are not only friends of mine but two of the most valuable friends that every dealer in the country have and some don't realize what they have done over the years to help them out. These two ladies work tirelessly behind the scenes on behalf of each and every dealer on efforts like doing away or blocking states from taxing coin sales. That is just one example of many things that these two individuals are to be commended for. So, when you see them at the major shows, please just tell them "Thank You." I am sure that they will appreciate that very much. Also during the convention, Diane celebrated her 20th year as a member of the ICTA staff. Congratulations Diane and Thank You Both for all that you have done.

I also gave a Presidential Award to our very own **Carrie Best** FUN's first lady president and long time board member and present Treasurer and Historian. I think that the four things that I just mentioned would be enough to get Carrie any award, but those jobs are just a few of many that she has done over the past twenty years as a member of the FUN Board. To follow a lady like Carrie into the Presidency of FUN was an honor. Also looking back at all that she has done for FUN is amazing. Carrie was most deserving and it gave me great pleasure to hand her that award and stand beside someone who will undoubtedly go down in FUN history as one of its greatest assets.

I also like to give kudos to those who work so hard for FUN during the year. Each and everyone of our dedicated and all volunteer staff, officers and board members, deserve all the credit for the behind the scenes work and also their work at the convention at various positions. Those officers are **Tony Swicer**, this years General Chairman; **Nancy Casey**, FUN's secretary is also in charge of dealer registration; **Carrie Best**, FUN's Treasurer was responsible for photo ID.

Tony Swicer worked very hard last year to make sure that the 2010 FUN Convention would have a great theme and dealers, members and the general public would go away from the convention with some souvenirs. This year's theme was "Have FUN Collecting National Park Quarters." Tony chose that theme to coincide with the U.S. Mint's new quarter series. Tony tried his best to have the National Park Service to attend the convention, but at the last minute, they cancelled. Thank you Tony for all your hard work and time that you put into this years convention.

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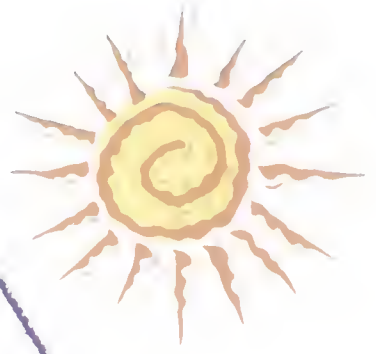

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President's Message

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Our board members truly are the backbone of the organization and make decisions that affect all of our members and dealers At every board meeting they are constantly trying to make our convention run smoother and more efficiently. Those who work so hard are:
Ed Abbott who is in charge of Keys and Cases does a phenomenal job making sure that the dealers have serviceable showcases. Our FUN pages also are under his umbrella of supervision. **Jim Best**, our FUN Topics Editor and board member works the dealer registration counter during the conventions and is always willing to help in any capacity where needed. **Tony Bonaro** is our YN Director and Scout advisor. I personally know the difficulty of this position as I held it for nearly six years. However, Tony makes our YN program look like it runs seamlessly. He is "Mr. Hustle". Our education director is none other than **Randy Campbell**. He has consistently provided top-notch experts in various numismatic areas to give a full slate of educational presentations and has done so for over 30 years. **Pete Hickey** helps in our Keys and Cases area and constantly volunteers for other jobs where we need him. **Steve Hodges** is our Sergeant-at-arms and responsible for making sure that move-in for the dealers runs smoothly and with as little disruption as possible. Steve is also our point man for FedEx. **Fred Lake** can be seen darting around the convention center and bourse floor taking photos and pulling down curtains and backdrops. He also is responsible for all of the signage and does a remarkable job at making sure that the proper signage is up for our educations presentations. Fred also helps Randy Campbell where needed during those presentations. **Donna Moon** has worked extremely hard for FUN since she came on the board a few years ago. I tasked her with Public Registration, Membership and the Message Center during the conventions. This lady has performed her duties flawlessly. **Gary Overton** gives up time during the year to help us in decision making and even though he does not have a specific duty during the conventions, he always shows up early and eager to help if needed. Our exhibit Chief Judge **Bob Russell** was thrown into a lions den last year without a whole lot of knowledge about the exhibit area. He dug in and worked and learned like a pro. Our office manager is **Jeanne Shepard.** She runs the day-to-day operations for the staff and make sure that those who come into the office see the right person or answers questions about the convention to those who call.

Fran Lockwood is responsible for our exhibit area. Fran is known nationally know for her expertise in running exhibit areas and her hugs. If you want a fantastic hug - all you need to do is exhibit.

A large operation like the FUN Convention cannot work smoothly without a group of volunteers to help. Before the first dealer arrives, the FUN staff and volunteers are hard at work. Starting very early in the schedule and the last one to leave the convention is **Ed Abbott**. He and him team of **Pete Hickey, Mickey Achenbach and Robin Kilby** are hard at work early Tuesday morning looking over the cases and making sure that each case that a dealer receives on their table is serviceable and if not it is replaced. That is a very large job when you are dealing with over 3,000 cases. Those who worked Dealer Registration with **Nancy Casey** at the helm were: **Jim Best, Shirley Hayes, Glenda Hocker, Glendora Mercer, Robin O'Nan and Vera Sullivan**. With our new automated equipment, photo ID has become quick and painless. **Carrie Best** volunteered to be in charge of that operation and was helped by **Skip Mesick, Dreama Smith, Glendora Mercer and Shirley Hayes**. The Central Florida Coin Club (CFCC) provided immeasurable help once again as they have in the past. The workers from CFCC who helped Steve Hodges during dealer move-in were: **Ron Wienckoski, Steve Rahinsky, Nick Constantini, Don Mix and Tom Weir**.

Before the convention officially opened, FedEx delivered a large group of packages. **Steve Hodges** turned the move-in over to his CFCC helpers and got down and dirty and worked those packages. Throughout the convention others who helped out with FedEx were: **Nancy Barton, Janet Harris, Linda Hodges and Steve Rahinsky**.

Bright and early on Thursday morning, opening day, Public Registration was taking inventory and setting up for all the folks who would be attending. The list of those who worked the Public Registration Desk from CFCC are as follows: **Alan Gorewitz, Archie Cooper, Bob Dee, Bob Dombo, Bob Dushek, Bob Hall, Bob Mosley, Bob Wollnik (entire show - double shifts), Dan Aidif, Dan Knapp, Don Mix, Elizabeth Colecio . Francis Colecio, Frank Lieble Sr., Harriet Storms, Janet Harris, Janice Valentine, Jay Dixon, John Weir, Kevin O?Donnell, Larry Stein, Lee Brown, Lee Dunkin, Margaret Anderson, Michael Barton, Ron Fursa, Ron Wienckoski, Roy Young, Skip Pfeiffer, Steve Lauer, Steve Rahinsky, Steve Valis, Tom Palmer, Zach Lauer.**

One other group of FUN workers who gave of their time were the three who manned the message center. They were **Erin and Kevin O'Donnell**. Erin is the sister of our board member Donna Moon. Erin got her feet wet last year and came back this year and did a great job at the message center. She also brought her husband along and now we have a new team for our message center. **Gary Braisted** a member of the Palm Beach Coin Club helped out at the message center at Summer FUN 2009 in West Palm Beach and enjoyed himself so much, that he drove three hours and volunteered his time to help out at our message center for FUN 2010. Folks that is what is so great about the FUN team. I honestly believe that all of our volunteers and FUN staff are the best in the country and it can be seen very easily when you step onto the bourse floor at any FUN Convention.

Bob

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I hope most of you were able to attend the 2010 FUN convention in Orlando, because it was awesome! We set another record high with 10x10 booths at 570. The dealers seemed quite happy as they were leaving. Some said they had the best show they've had in a very long time, and they left with a little pep in their step. I think FUN does a great job of bringing collectors and dealers together every year, and I'm proud to be associated with this organization. I thank David Lisot of Cointelevision for his excellent radio and television advertising package on FUN's behalf, which greatly helped us get the public to the show. FUN is so fortunate to be surrounded with the BEST board members, volunteer staff, and paid service providers. We have great continuity and work well together.

Heritage is FUN's official auctioneer and held a very successful auction. The Olsen specimen 1913 Liberty nickel sold for a record price of $3.7 million. In addition to this special coin, there was a wonderful variety of U.S. coins, paper money, and foreign coins auctioned at FUN. There was something for everyone, and the auction catalogs are works of art. Thank you to our friends at Heritage!

Several people received awards at the FUN convention. Bob Hurst will mention some in his president's message, and I will highlight the others. FUN's highest award for excellence in numismatic education is the A.J. Vinci award. This year, Vinci awards were presented to three very deserving people. All three have given educational talks at FUN for many years, and some have also written articles and supported several different numismatic educational causes. Congratulations to our three Vinci award recipients: Beth Deisher, Scott Travers and Don Bonser. FUN thanks all of you!

The Polly Abbott Service Award was presented last year for the first time in FUN's history. It is awarded to someone who has given outstanding service to the organization during the most recent calendar year. Last year Nancy Casey and Eddie Abbott jointly received the first Polly Abbott awards. This year the award was presented to FUN's president, Bob Hurst. FUN is very fortunate to have a president who is totally involved in the operations of our club. Bob is so much more than a "figurehead," and was very deserving of this most prestigious award. Congratulations, Bob!

Another award winner was FUN board member Fred Lake. Fred received an ANA Presidential Award from Cliff Mishler. Fred is a hard worker and is also well known and respected throughout the numismatic community as a book auctioneer. Congratulations, Fred, for this prestigious award!

In my last column I explained the venue selections for both the January and Summer FUN shows for the next few years. However, the question I was asked most often while on the bourse floor during FUN was about the location of future FUN shows. To clarify once again, here is a summary:

Summer 2010 - Orlando - Orange County Convention Center, Hall C in the West Building
January 2011 - Tampa - Tampa Convention Center
Summer 2011 - Orlando - Orange County Convention Center, Hall C in the West Building
January 2012 - Orlando - Orange County Convention Center, Hall SB in the North-South Building

In addition to some upcoming changes in FUN show venues, we have also recently had a few changes on our board of directors. In this year's election we lost two board members and gained two. I want to personally thank Bob Russell and Pete Hickey for their years of dedicated service to FUN. I enjoyed working with you, and would welcome the opportunity to do so again in the future. I also want to welcome Tom Palmer and Bill Hancock back to the FUN board. Both have been board members in the past, so they "know the ropes."

I will be back next quarter with more details about the 2010 Summer FUN convention. In the meantime, please check our website at www.funtopics.com for the latest information.

Enjoy this issue of FUN Topics, which is loaded with photos and information about our recent convention. Also enjoy your hobby during these remaining winter months!

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MS-62 (PCGS).

1839-C Liberty Half Eagle.
MS-63 (NGC).

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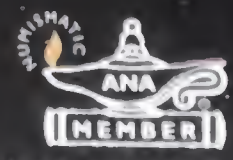

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March 4-7
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March 6-7
Fort Walton Beach Coin Club Show, Westwood Retirement Community. 1001 MarWalt Dr., Fort Walton Beach, FL. Contact: Dave Parenteau. 2445 Elkhart Dr., Navarre, FL 32566. PH: 850-936-4892 AD - page 16

March 5-7
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March 7
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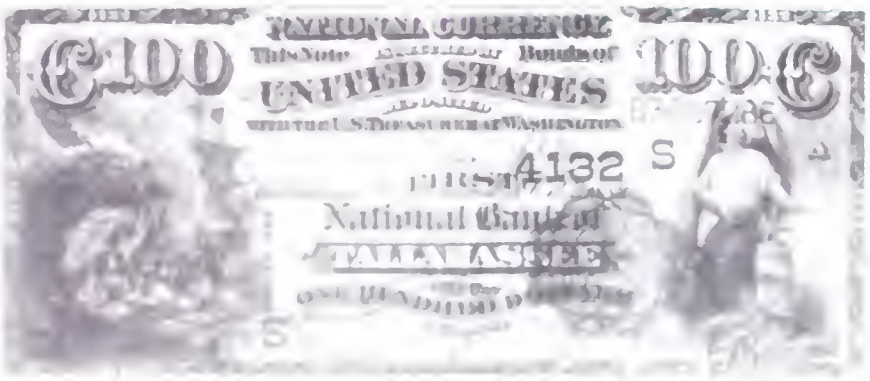

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by Ginger Rapsus

Collectors who want to complete meaningful sets without a large cash outlay may consider building "short sets" of favorite coin series. A "short set" of a coin series can enable a collector to have fun putting a set together without spending years or thousands of dollars. Building a "short set" enables a collector to see if he really enjoys a coin series before spending time and money to build an entire date and mintmark set. And because some early rarities in the set can be avoided, the collector can spend a few extra bucks in higher grade coins, making a more beautiful set.

One example of a popular "short set" is the Buffalo nickel collection from 1934-1938. Only twelve coins make up this set, and none is a rarity. Fans of the Buffalo nickel can build a set in Mint State, and it could be a challenge, if the collector is picky about condition. Certain dates come more lightly struck than others. A collector can have a nice, average Mint State set; such a set housed in its own holder can be attractive. If you want more choice coins, with a bolder strike, it may take some looking, and you will have the satisfaction of finding these coins. This pursuit of the finest struck Buffalo nickels can give you a taste of what it's like to build a full set of Buffalos, a series with a number of softly struck coins. Examining the later dates can give you an idea of what to look for in detail, the buffalo's head, the Indian's braid, etc. You may also decide that you are not up to the challenge, and be happy with your short set!

Another popular "short set" is the set of Mercury dimes from 1941-1945. This pretty coin, another favorite with collectors, looks lovely when in Mint State and displayed with a number of other dates. None of these coins is a real rarity; however, just as with Buffalo nickels, collectors can find a challenge in searching for well-struck coins. The 1945-P, in particular, is very difficult to find with a full strike.

A good, and historical, "short set" is a collection of War nickels, 1942-1945. Each coin is 35% silver. When worn, the coins look dirty, compared to five-cent coins made of copper-nickel, but when Mint State, the coins have the lovely white appearance of silver coins. World War II buffs may want this set, as well as collectors who do not want to pursue a full set of Jefferson nickels, but do want a nice selection. And this set is cheap, as coin sets go.

The Lincoln set, one hundred years old now, has a number of "short sets" within the complete set. A collection of cents with the Lincoln Memorial reverse goes back fifty years, contains many different dates and mintmarks, and can be collected, even in proof, without a generous cash outlay. Some collectors want sets going back to 1941, a collection that includes a good number of cents with the wheat ears on the reverse, and also includes the Wartime issues of 1943.

Those interested in cents older than the famous Lincolns may want to build a "short set" of Indian cents. The twentieth century issues, from 1900-1909, make an attractive set, especially in Mint State or proof. Only two coins bear mintmarks, the San Francisco issues of 1908 and 1909. The only truly scarce coin in this series is the 1909-S, but if a collector desires only a date set, this coin can be avoided, and a lovely little set completed at not too painful a price.

Walking Liberty half dollars, considered to be the most beautiful United States silver coin, can be collected as a "short set." Coins from 1941-1947 are not all that rare, and in high grade, make a lovely set to behold. Fans of the one-ounce silver Eagles may choose to collect such a set, as the obverse design of the Eagle came from the Walking Liberty half dollar. A few of these coins are known for weak strikes, so a collector who is fussy about condition and strike can spend some time tracking down choice specimens.

A big set of coins, popular with collectors, inspired a very attractive "short set." Morgan dollars were struck from 1878-1904 and 1921, a grand set with many different dates and mintmarks, with many scarce and one rare coin to make it a challenge. A set of Morgan dollars from the Carson City Mint makes a nice set, especially if housed in a special holder in the shape of Nevada. The 1879 and 1889 issues will not be cheap, even in lower grades, but this is a worthwhile set to build. Carson City coins have always been favorites with collectors anyway-why not build a set of the most popular collector coin from the historical Carson City Mint?

Another big set that just recently became more popular is the Washington quarter set. Struck from 1932 to the present, the Washington quarter was never exactly number one on the collecting parade until the Statehood Quarter program began in 1999. Many collectors, young and old, paid more attention to quarters, and began seeking older issues. Younger collectors could check their change for coins going back to 1965-the first year of the copper-nickel quarters-and get a sense of what it's like to build a set. Maybe Mother or grandmother had some older silver coins, to add to the collection.

Maybe mother herself wanted to collect the quarters, and found many different ways to do so. The "short set" of coin from 1965 to date would comprise a good number of coins. The Statehood Quarters themselves represent a short set. Those interested in the old-fashioned silver coins could save quarters from 1941-1964, a popular "short set" that has its own album.

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Washington Quarters, a coin produced for seventy-five years, lends itself to collecting a number of "short sets." Besides the collecting methods already mentioned, a collector could save one of each date, ignoring mintmarks. Maybe a set of all proof issues would be a good pursuit, and a very pretty set too. All silver proof coins, clad proofs, Statehood Quarter proofs, any combination...there are many possibilities in this big series of coins!

These are only a few famous and more popular "short sets" of United States coins. A collector can use his imagination, and think of many more "short sets" in his favorite series. Complete unto themselves, "short sets" of United States coins enable a collector to build lovely and meaningful sets without a big cash investment, long pursuits of major rarities, and frustration at empty holes in albums that stay empty. And maybe the building of a "short set" in a series of coins that are new to you, can lead to a new interest and a new specialty in a series.

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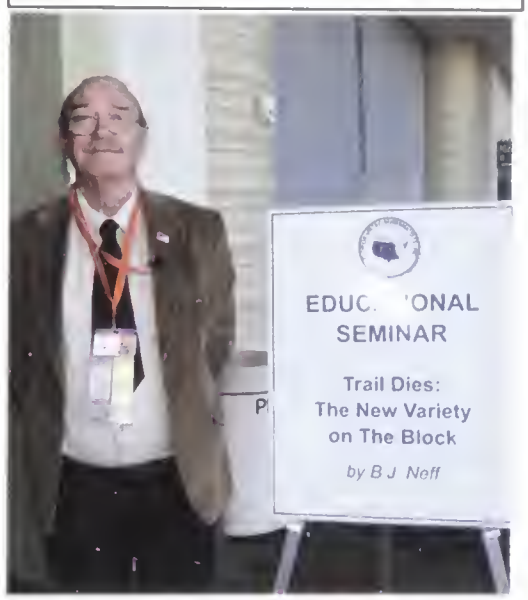

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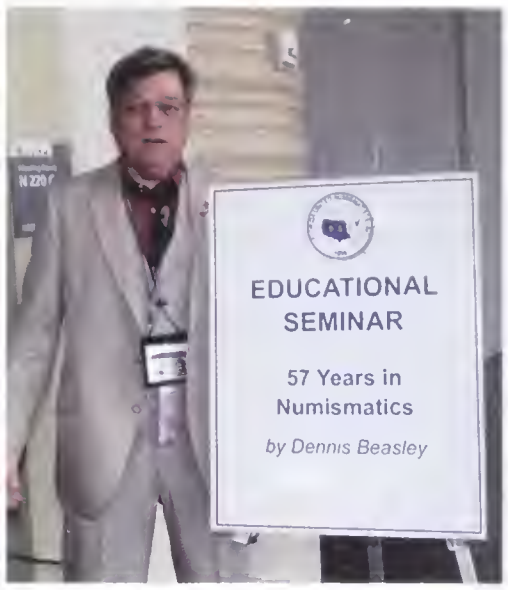

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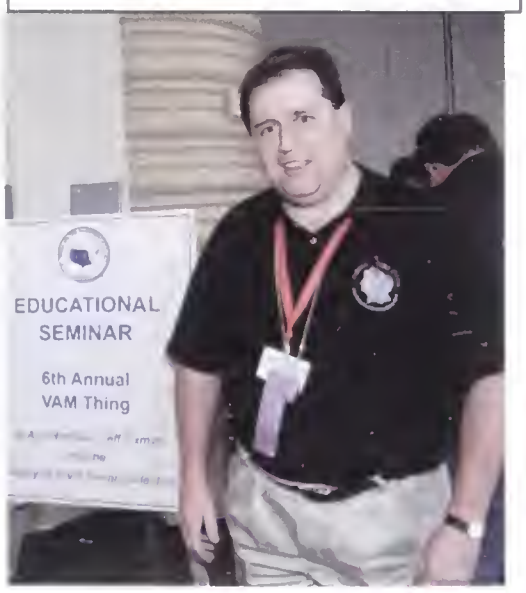

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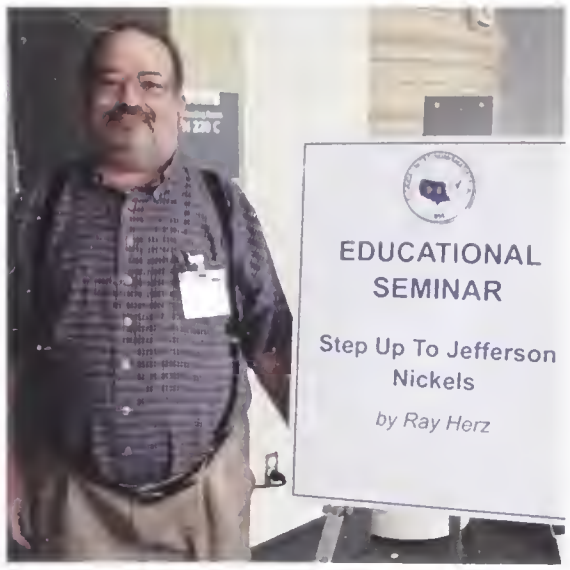

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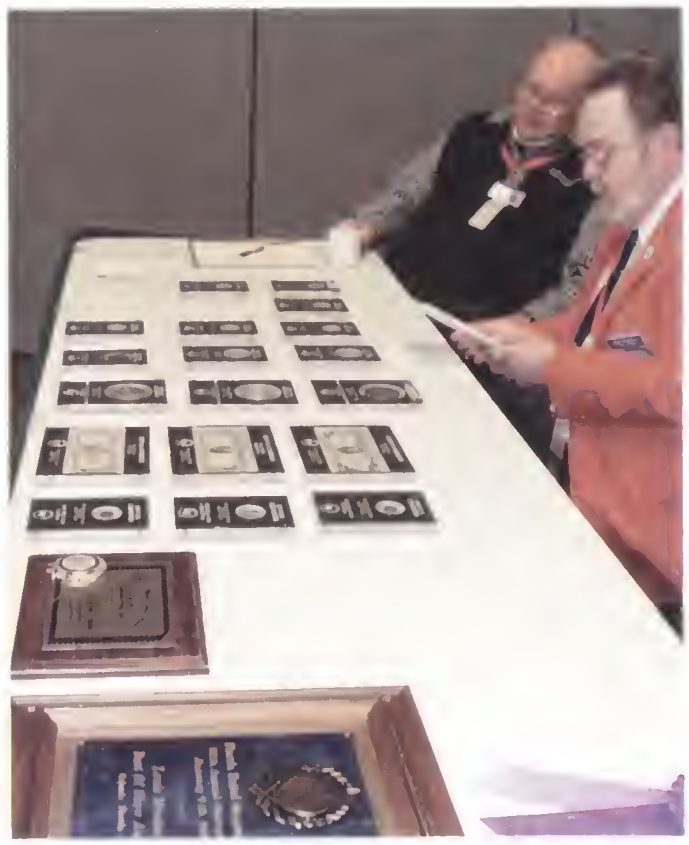

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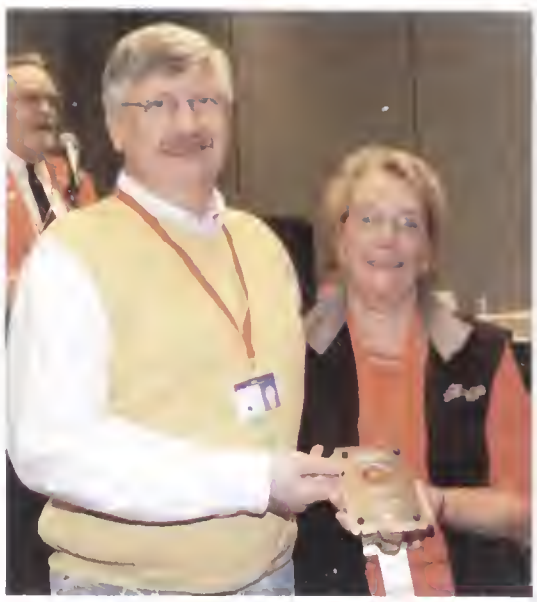

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HA.com/3508*15177
Price Realized: $25,300

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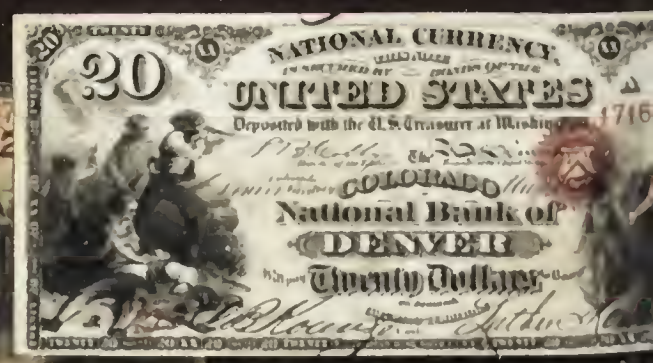

Denver, CT - $20 Original Fr. 427
The Colorado NB Ch. # 1651
HA.com/3508*14381
Price Realized: $63,250

Fr. 1296 25c Third Issue
PMG Superb Gem Unc 67 EPQ
HA.com/3508*13467
Price Realized: $11,500

1879 $4 Flowing Hair,
Judd-1635,
Pollock-1833, R.3, PR67
Cameo NGC
Price Realized: $299,000
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1921 $20 MS64 PCGS
Price Realized: $322,000
HA.com/1136-17102

1876-S $20 MS65 PCGS. CAC
Price Realized: $207,000
HA.com/1136-113001

1926-D $20 MS65 PCGS. CAC
Price Realized: $253,000
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FS-101,
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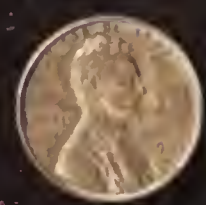

1943 Cent
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AU58 PCGS
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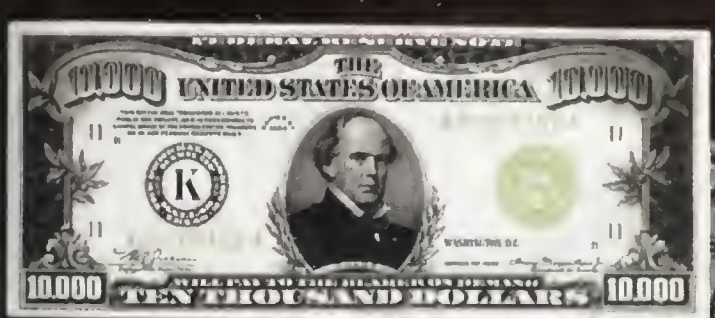

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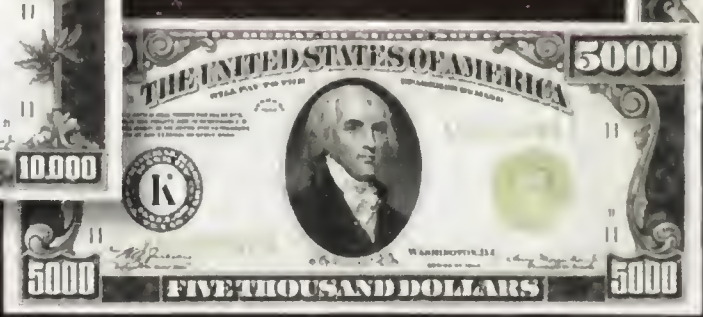
Price Realized: $80,500



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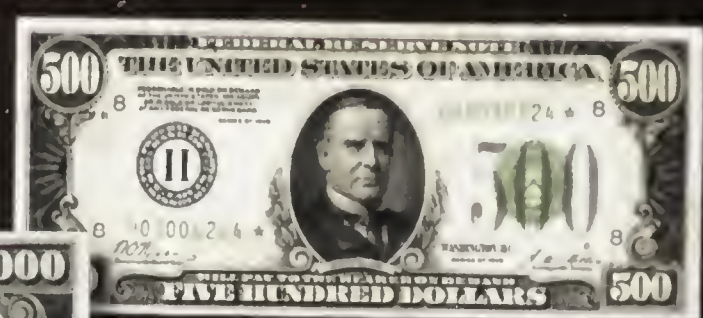
Price Realized: $97,750



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The deadline for Florida Coin Club of the Year is April 1st. Please get your paperwork in to Tony Swicer. The winning club will receive a Life Membership in FUN, $200, and a large Plaque. The award will be presented at Summer FUN July 8-10, 2010 in Orlando.

Brandon Coin Club - elected President - **Bill Hatfield**, VP - **Bill Jones**, Treasurer - **Sue Veasey**, Secretary - **Dick Fee**.

Central Florida Coin Club - will have a booth at the Central Florida Fair in February. December 16th was their Christmas Party and Awards Night.

Clearwater Coin Club - Christmas Party was December 8th, with a Pot Luck dinner.

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club - elected President - **Tom Bobbit**t, VP - **Richard Buchs**, Secretary - Marilyn Baisden, Treasurer - **Bill Rodriguez**. Board members are **Joe Esparza, Matt Adams, John Guido.**

North Lake Coin and Currency Club - had a program on "Coins That Changed the World"

Palm Beach Coin Club - elected President - **Tony Swicer**, VP - **Tony Acevedo**, Secretary - **Bruce Eleshewich**, Treasurer - **Robert Leneve**. Board members are **Rick Carver, Jack Diaz, Buddy Hirsh, George Kovacic, Tim Morley, Ed Napoli, Sandy Pearl, and Ed Polyanchek**.

Sarasota Coin Club - elected President - **David Klein**, VP - **Scott Sanborn**, VP - **Ben Todd**, Sec/Tres - **Ron Rapoza**, Program Director/PR - **Bart Bartanowicz**.

South Brevard Coin Club - had over $800 in prizes at their Christmas Party December 2nd.

Titusville Coin Club - is involved in community programs such as the Central Florida Childrens Home and the Marine Corps Toys For Tots.

Treasure Coast Coin Club - was preparing for their annual show in Vero Beach, January 23rd and 24th.

West Hernando Coin Club - elected President - **Jack Iaci**, VP - **Vincent Calcavecchia**, Treasurer - **Gene Harbour**, Secretary - **John Zieman**, Sunshine - **Alexandria Zieman**. Board members are **Guy Ventre, Jack Iaci, Gene Harbour, John Zieman, James Fleer, and Patrick Herbert**.

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North Lake Coin and Currency Club first Christmas Dinner a Success!

YN's Have FUN

Young Numismatists

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I appreciate the opportunity to write to our YN's. When we get the time to get together during the F.U.N. Shows we meet a lot of old friends and make a lot of new friends. This past January we had 49 YN's attend our program on Saturday morning. About 75% of those in attendance had been to a previous program. To me that means the youth in attendance enjoy what we are doing. At least I hope so.

The YN program is designed for you. It is designed for those young collectors between the age of 5 and 21. Now that is a big spread in age, and it is hard to come up with a program that everyone can enjoy. So I would like to ask you what you would like to do at our next YN program. Are there any special topics you would like to see as the theme for the Saturday morning program? Perhaps you have a special coin, or type set, or person in numismatics that you want to learn more about. Send me an email and let me know what you want. My understanding is that we may even see President Lincoln at our Summer FUN Show in July.

There are two things I would like to talk about in this issue. Number one: The American Numismatic Association summer seminars. Every year F.U.N. would like to sponsor at least two YN scholarships to the seminars. This is an outstanding opportunity to learn more about a variety of numismatic subjects and to meet other YN's from all over the United States. You must be at least 13 years old, have a current F.U.N. membership and be active in numismatics. You can go to the ANA website; "money.org" and find a listing of the classes that are offered each year. You can choose to go to either of the two weeks that they offer seminars. Write a letter to the F.U.N. Board of Directors and tell them what you have been doing to support numismatics, who you are working with, and why you would like to go to the summer seminars. Applications are accepted between January 1 and October 1 of each year, for the next calendar year. Read my other article in this issue of FUN TOPICS to learn more about summer seminars.

Number two: I would like to talk about exhibiting your collection or your favorite set of coins at the F.U.N. Show. When we have a show, exhibitors from all over the country compete with each other for great prizes by entering their displays. We need more YN's to participate in the competition. The application and rules for entering exhibits are on the F.U.N. website at FUNTOPICS.COM. There are great prizes awarded to the top three YN entries. You can't win if you do not enter.

Our Boy Scout Coin Collecting merit badge class was a smashing success at the last show. Overall, we had 105 scouts from around the Orlando area participate in and complete all the requirements. I think we also had about 30 adults in attendance. Each scout received the Whitman Coin Collecting Merit Badge folder and every participant won a prize in our raffle. We had a lot of fun, played a little YN Trivia and talked about the new 2010 commemorative silver dollar, honoring the Boy Scouts of America, that will be coming out in February. Of course, without a doubt, I need to thank Mr. Jeff Swindling for helping me conduct the course. I would also like to thank the ANA for sponsoring a free six month membership to any scouts who completed the merit badge.

As always, I need to thank those individuals and dealers who made contributions to the YN / Scouting programs. Their generosity this year was fantastic. I can not thank them enough for all that they do to help make these programs possible.

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The Best Secured Coin Shows for 2009

By COL Steven Ellsworth

Clifton, Virginia-Colonel Steven Ellsworth of the Butternut Company has announced the annual selection of "**The Best Secured Coin Shows for 2009.**" COL Ellsworth has personally attended 47 coin shows during 2009 where he pays particular attention and evaluates the kinds and types of security that are provided for both dealers and the public. In addition, he receives many reports from across the nation from coin dealers, collectors and crime incident reports from the media.

"This last year we have had about the same number of robberies and thefts as the previous year; however this year we had one murder of a collector and several armed robberies that resulted in several shootings. I am sorry to say that while the number of incidents involving coins is about the same as last year, the level of violence and the brazen boldness of criminals have escalated. Looking forward to 2010 and with the strains on the economy, we will most likely see increases in crimes of theft and robbery directed towards our hobby.

As in previous years the single greatest risk to a dealer or collector is following a coin show or event and then to leave coins in an unattended vehicle. "I have continually advised against this action for over 18 years, yet it still seems to be the single largest incident for numismatic losses. The loss through theft is mentally traumatic and usually an enormous financial drain on its victims. Some Dealers are virtually wiped out; and a collector who has his entire collection stolen usually quits the hobby" advised COL Ellsworth.

Most of the dealers simply ignore the risks and pretend they will not be a victim paying only minimal efforts to security by such ludicrous ideas of asking someone who also has no security training to "watch my coins". It is important to realize that security is an individual's own responsibility. It is up to every dealer to have a plan on how they will handle a security threat. Many dealers tell me they are real careful when they are transporting coins. To which I ask, what is your plan if this or that threat occurs? In nearly all cases they have not thought that far ahead and have not any idea what they will do. They will be like a deer in the headlights if they are confronted with a theft. Professionals need to continually train for the worst, and hope for the best. "There are only a few dealers I know who have taken the time or spent the money for serious security training. This to me verifies the problem in that there are really only a handful of dealers who have made the decision that they will refuse to be a victim." was Ellsworth's response.

When asked what security measures he would like to see improved at shows Ellsworth said "the security presence during dealer setup and breakdown, not only on the bourse floor, but at the loading areas, to include the front and back outside entrances is still a major problem at coin shows. Show promoters still waste security personnel at the front door checking badges of dealers when they are most needed at the very important parking and loading areas of the show. It still seems like most show administrators forget that dealers are extremely vulnerable during setup and breakdown moving into and out of the facility and while loading their vehicles. It would be highly advisable to have a dedicated set of eyes watching your back and observing the area for threats".

Most shows listed below we actually attended; and, some that are listed were shows we were unable to attend, but were given excellent detailed reports from multiple attendees. However, of those we have seen or have verified reports on, I would rate these as the **"The Best of the Best in Coin Show Security for 2009".**

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"This year's list we not only took into account the show security itself, but in addition the awareness and concern of the sponsors as it pertains to security" said Colonel Steven Ellsworth. "Our objective is always to keep a constant level of vigilance in security matters to help dealers and collectors manage the risks posed from theft".

1.**American Numismatic Association National Money Show, Portland, OR.** (Named the last 3 years) Security was continual provided by uniformed Portland Police and plain clothes private security. Security was provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown and dealers had access to convention unloading and loading with security vigilant during the process. Registration and name tags were required for all attendees.

2.**Bay State Coin Show (C4), Boston, MA.** (Previously named in years past) Security is continually provided by a private security firm and several off-duty duty Deputy Sheriffs. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Unloading and Loading is under watchful eyes of security personnel. A registration fee and nametags were required for all attendees.

3.**Blue Ridge Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA.** (Named for the last 12 years) Security is continually provided by off-duty uniformed Walker County Sheriffs, off duty GBI agents & private security. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Unloading and Loading is under watchful eyes of security personnel. A registration fee and nametags were required for all attendees.

4.**Charlotte Coin Club, Charlotte, NC** (Named the last 5 years) Security is provided by off-duty uniformed Charlotte/Mecklenburg police. Security is excellent in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown with dealers are allowed to unload inside the convention facility. During breakdown, non-table holders are required to leave by show by security personnel giving dealers a full two hours of uninterrupted breakdown. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

5.**Coin Fest, Stamford, CT.** Security is provided by a private security firm who specializes in personal protection of clients. Security personal are wearing distinctive company clothing with both armed and unarmed personnel. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. A registration fee and nametags were required for all attendees. Unloading and Loading is under watchful eyes of security personnel. As with all shows, collectors and dealers leaving the watchful eyes of show security must immediately implement their own individual plan on their remaining travel to avoid theft.

6.**Florida United Numismatist Convention, Orlando, FL** (Named the last 4 years) Security is provided by a private security contractor and supplemented by numerous off-duty uniformed Orange County police. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Security is triple layered with uniformed, plain clothes and video surveillance. Parking areas are also patrolled before, during and following the show. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

7.**Garden State Numismatic Association, Somerset, NJ** Off-duty plain clothes Pennsauken police provide continual security. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Security personal continually walk and survey the show during show hours. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. Additional security is provided during setup and breakdown of the show with police on foot in around the loading areas.

8.**Georgia State Numismatic Association, Dalton, GA.** (Named the last 4 years) Security is continual provided by off-duty uniformed Walker County Sheriffs, off duty GBI agents and private security. Security is provided in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Unloading and Loading is under watchful security personnel. A registration fee and nametags are required for all attendees.

9.**Houston Money Show, Houston, TX.** (Named the last 3 years) Security is provided by off-duty Houston police. Loading and unloading is in a secure area with security personal present. The shows promoter is particularly aware of the shows security and continually strives to improve the safety and security of all dealers and attendees. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

10.**Long Beach Coin Expo. Long Beach, CA.** (Named the last 3 years) Security is provided by off-duty Long Beach Police with identifiable "Security" jackets. Ample security is provided in and out of the facility during setup and breakdown with numerous plain-clothes officers continually working the floor from the moment the show opens until it closes. All security officers have are tied into a monitored communication net. In addition, the convention facility allows for overhead "cat-walk" patrols to deter shoplifting. A registration fee and nametags are required for all attendees. (continued on page 44)

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11 **North Carolina State Numismatic Association, Hickory, NC.** (Named the last 3 years) Off-duty uniformed Hickory police provide continual security. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown. Security personal continually walk and survey the show during show hours. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees. Additional security is provided during setup and breakdown of the show with police on foot in around the loading areas.

12.**South Carolina Numismatist Convention, Greenville SC.** (Named the last 3 years) Security is provided by South Carolina Constables and off duty South Carolina State Troopers. Security is vigilant in and out of the facility during set up and breakdown and is continuous during the show. Officers are equipped with additional assault weapons and equipment at night. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

13.**Trevose, PA.** (Named the last 3 years) Even though this is a little one day 35 table show, security is provided by two off-duties plain clothes Philadelphia police officers. This show continues to have some of the best security for a small show in the country. Two officers are continually walking the area during the show and have kept the sticky fingers to a minimum. During setup and breakdown security is excellent and is present in the loading and parking areas.

14.**Wasatch Winter Coin Club, Salt Lake City, UT.** (Named the last 3 years) Security is provided by off-duty uniformed Salt Lake County Sheriff's SWAT team deputies. Law enforcement personnel continually walk the show floor to discourage shoplifting. In addition they monitor the entrances, and provide surveillance of the unloading and loading of dealers vehicles. Being SWAT team members, needless to say that additional fire-power is available if needed during closing hours.

15.**Weyers Cave, VA.** (Named the last 3 years) Security is provided by off-duty plain clothes Augusta County Sheriff's deputies and court security personnel. Even though it is a small show with just 40 tables, two officers are present during the show and during setup and breakdown. Law enforcement personnel continually monitor the entrances, loading and parking areas.

16.**Whitman Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention.** (Named the last 3 years) Security is continually provided by private security and uniformed Baltimore City Police. Unloading and loading is in a gated section of the convention center and provides better than average security for dealers un-loading and loading. Registration and nametags are required for all attendees.

Col. Steven Ellsworth is a retired Army Colonel with over 32 years of service. His many assignments include serving in the Army's elite Special Forces (Green Berets) and in addition he has had assignments as a Physical, Intelligence and Communication Security Inspector. He has received highly specialized training in anti-terrorist, physical, intelligence and personal protective security. He has worked during the last 3 years with Blackwater in developing security training for coin dealers. He currently is a full time coin dealer and a collector and serves on a number of numismatic boards.

Colonel Ellsworth has written numerous articles on coin collector security over the last ten years. After receiving constant inquiries from collectors and dealers as to what type of security they could expect when attending various shows throughout the country and overseas, Colonel Ellsworth began to recognize those shows that did an outstanding job providing security. This is the 13th year a list has been named. For more information on security, go to his website at www.Butternut.org. or contact Colonel Steven Ellsworth, email; BUTTERNUT@Butternut.org Address; PO BOX 498, Clifton, VA 20124-0498. The End

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Summer Seminars: A Trip To Remember

By Tony Bonaro

The Summer Seminars were great. The entire week was beyond our expectations. However, before we go over how great it really was, we would like to thank the Officers and Board of Directors of the Florida United Numismatists for awarding us the scholarships to attend. Then I would like to thank Susan McMillan, the ANA staff, its volunteers and instructors, who made the program one of the highlights or our short numismatic careers. They were just awesome.

Summer Seminars run from Saturday to Friday, and we started our westward journey on the 27th of June. Also on our flight to Colorado Springs was Jeff Swindling, who, at that time was running for ANA Governor. He is also from Jacksonville, Florida. Upon our arrival we were met by some of the ANA staff who instantly took us under their wing and guided us to our bus for the short ride to the Colorado Campus.

Geographically, the highest point in Jacksonville, Florida is 24 feet above sea level. Colorado College is approximately 6,100 feet above that. We exchanged palm trees for beautiful, tall mountain pine trees. The temperature was in the low 70's and the sky was clear and blue. Just to the north of the campus rising up to 14,000 plus feet was the majestic Pikes Peak, topped with snow. The view was postcard perfect.

Check in was quick and easy. I was assigned to the J.L. Knight building and David was assigned to stay at the Colorado Inn. JLK is one of the newer dormitories for adults. My accommodations consisted of a two story unit with three bedrooms, bath, kitchen and lounge. There were plenty of windows and the cool, fresh mountain air made it very comfortable for sleeping at night. All of the YN's (26 boys and girls from 17 different states) were teamed up two youth to a room with private bath for each pair at the Colorado Inn, just a few blocks southwest of the campus. Also staying at the Colorado Inn were six chaperones to assist and guide our youth throughout the week.

I should mention right now that as a parent, I was quite concerned about supervision and accountability of my teenage son. Any adult sending their children to Summer Seminars can completely relax. The ANA staff and chaperones do a spectacular job.

On Saturday night we had a reception for everyone to get acquainted. We met the staff, the instructors and fellow classmates. At the end of that meeting we had a meeting of all the YN's and their parents if they were also there. We rnet the YN staff and discovered a game room stocked with all sorts of munchies and a refrigerator filled with sodas, juices and water. All of this at no cost to the YN's. The boundaries were identified, and the rules were explained. Again I felt that my son was secure and in good hands.

Week long classes started at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon. David's class was taught by Laura Stocklin who is a professional artist and trained goldsmith. This was her fourth year at Summer Seminars. Her class was limited to seven YN's. Mostly due to the amount of equipment and supplies that were need to learn how to prepare plaster, wax and metal plates for making money.

My first class was instructed by Ira Goldberg from California. Ira is a veteran of the Summer Seminars and brought with him an inspiring collection of coins for his students to view and study. This class was also made up of only seven students. Lucky us.
Using his book, the 100 coins that made history, Ira brought to life numerous coins with the history and facts that brought each coin into existence. The who, what, when, why and where of each coin was explained His presentation was superb. Through out the two day class he was assisted Doug Mudd, Museum Curator, from the ANA staff. Doug's expertise knowledge of the coins and his passion for excellence helped to make the class a five star experience.

On Monday night we both attend a mini class by George Cuhaj entitled "Minting Mayhem Creating Errors" George showed us the various types of mint errors that could be made and how they looked He brought his own press to the seminar and allowed each participant to take a hand at making mint errors He was assisted in his class by Joe Paonessa, who is also an expert at engraving hobo nickels and various other pictures on different coins as requested by his clients.

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee (CCAC) decided to hold its quarterly meeting at the summer seminar. This allowed any adults or YN's to observe how a meeting was

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Summer Seminar (continued from page 45)

conducted and how the committee came to make its recommendations to the Director of the U.S. Mint. The first half of the meeting was spent reviewing the different designs that were submitted as a medal for outgoing mint director Edmond Moy. It was interesting to see how the committee functions as a whole and how each individual member was able to make their own input. The second half of the meeting was dedicated to choosing an observe and a reverse for the 2010 Boy Scout of America commemoration silver dollar.

Seventeen obverse and six reverse designs had been submitted to the committee. Over a half dozen summer seminar adult students were current or former scout leaders. I was one of those leaders in attendance and was very interested in making recommendation as to which designs I thought should represent the past 100 years of scouting. None of the CACC members had any Boy Scout experience and were more then willing to listen to the recommendations of the leaders in the audience. We had the opportunity to explain our opinions on each design and whether or not it represented the theme of 100 years of scouting. In the end, at our recommendation an obverse and reverse was selected for recommendation to the Director of the Mint. To me this was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for an everyday collector. I was directly involved in choosing a design that may end up on a commemorative coin issued by the United States of America.

Another premier event of every summer seminar is the YN auction. David and I had never participated in one before and were really looking forward to seeing what they were all about. I originally imagined that this is would be an opportunity for YN's to bid on coins in their own auction. It turned out to be an auction conducted by the YN's with an opportunity of adults to purchase donated coins and numismatic materials. The money raised in the YN auction is used to help fund future YN scholarships for Summer Seminars. The rules were simple, bid often and bid high. It did not matter how much the item was worth. What counted was how much you want to donate to the cause. One auction is held during each session of summer seminars.

The auction was an outstanding success. Those in attendance donated a total of $19,000.00 plus for the lots auctioned that night. The item that brought the most was neither coin nor numismatic related materials. Mr. Daniel "Tiny" Cross, who has been a regular at Summer Seminars for many years, sports a beard that has become his trademark. No one really knew what Tiny looked like without his beard as he has not been clean shaven for the last fourteen years. Someone asked how much money we would have to pay to have him lose his beard. At first he was totally opposed to the idea. As money was offered up, by the hundreds I should mention, he started to give in. He then stated that if enough money was raised for one complete YN scholarship he would shave. An ANA YN scholarship is worth approximately $1,700.00. The money began to roll in as people wrote check and brought us what ever cash they could find. At the end of the auction Tiny shaved his beard for the first time in many years for $3,480.00. To his delight, not only one, but two YN's will receive a scholarship to next years Summer Seminars. You can find out more about Tiny and his roll in the Summer Seminars in the September issue the "Numismatist", published by the ANA.

Included in the lots for sale were printing plates made by the Art of Money class. I was interested in this as I knew that David had participated in this project. I pulled out my money and was ready to bid. The bidding started at $50 and I raised my number. Before I could get my arm down the bidding took off like a rocket and closed at $700 which was way beyond my budget. At least I knew the money was going for a good cause. I finally ended up buying a ten ounce silver bar for $200.

Summer Seminars also offers activities that give you the opportunity to leave the campus and see some of the local attractions in the Colorado Springs area. David took advantage of the Cave of Winds Lantern tour. This was a great adventure for many of the YN's to leave behind class room settings and discover a world underground. There was also a trip to Pikes Peak.

The meals at the college were excellent. David and I would meet together for lunch and dinner and share our daily activities. The campus dinning facility has an open food bar layout and you could go back and forth as much as you wanted to get all the food you desired. To David's delight this included all the desert and soda you could consume in one sitting.

My second mini class was a Train the Trainer program taught by Rod Gillis. The emphasis was to learn how to involve coins into a seminar or classroom setting. Again the instruction was excellent and I learned some new activities that I can use in our YN program.

The ANA has a numismatic library that is second to none. I was fortunate enough to attend a four hour seminar by David Sklow. During the presentation we learned about the library its self and the history of numismatic literature. Each student participating was able to enter the rare books vault and "look but don't touch" literary numismatic treasures that went back hundreds of years. David's presentation exposed us to a part of numismatics that I did not realize was so interesting and expanded my appreciation of those who brought this materials together.

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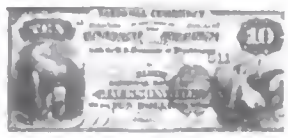

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Many of these volunteers worked in several areas. Thanks again for all your hard work.

Donna

ICTA UPDATE

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2003 NLG Award- Small Publications Best Column

KEEPING MORE PROFITS AND PAYING LESS TAX ON YOUR INVESTMENTS

With gold at record levels, many investors are gleefully watching their profits (actual or on paper) go up. But, as the rash of phone calls to ICTA indicate, most don't realize that at tax time, the Capital Gains tax rate (for investments that have been held for a year or more) is not at the most favorable 15%. That's because Uncle Sam has different rules for precious metals and coin investments than for stocks and bonds, etc.

Many investors who have recently sold gold (for example) are finding out this harsh truth that even if the investment has been held for the required amount of time to qualify for Cap Gains treatment, the profits will be taxed at 28%.

Very unfair. But rather than grumbling about how once again the IRS has gotten you, this time there is something you can do about it.

There are several bills ICTA (and others) have been working on that would fix these inequities. And with a couple quick and easy emails, you can help make them happen.

These bills pending in the US Senate are:

S.1367
Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat gold, silver, platinum, and palladium, in either coin or bar form, in the same manner as equities and mutual funds for purposes of the maximum capital gains rate for individuals.

This bill would change the Internal Revenue Code to treat precious metals bullion products the same as equities investments, saving you 13% off your tax bill when you sell your metals.

S.394
Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide the same capital gains treatment for art and collectibles as for other investment property and to provide that a deduction equal to fair market value shall be allowed for charitable contributions of literacy, musical, artistic, or scholarly compositions created by the donor.

This bill will essentially do the same for "collectibles", which includes numismatic coins. These two bills are no-brainers for anyone who wants to minimize their taxes when they sell precious metals and coins.

A third bill would allow you to have the choice of whether to include numismatic coins in your IRA or other self-directed retirement plan.

S.1769
Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain coins to be acquired by individual retirement accounts and other individually directed pension plan accounts, and for other purposes.

As you know, investments in an IRA have certain tax advantages for you. This bill will permit you to include numismatic coins in an IRA, just as you currently can include most bullion coins and bars

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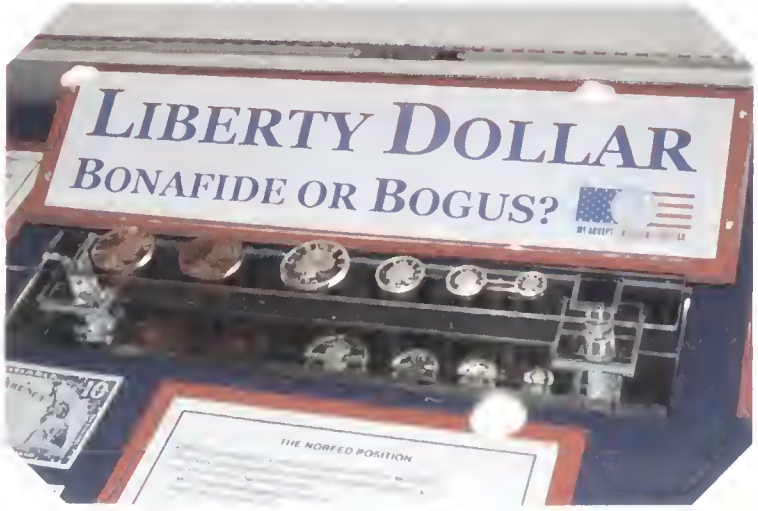

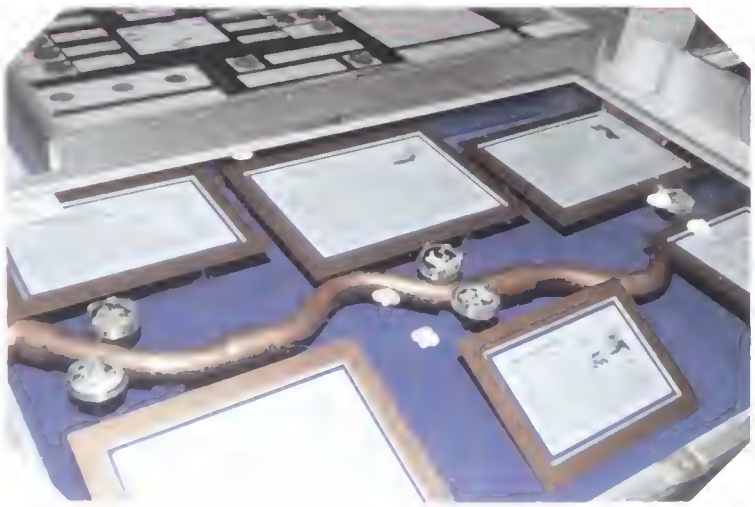

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Actually, this bill will merely restore a choice that you used to have prior to 1981 when "collectibles" (the definition of which included-at that time-all precious metals and coins) were suddenly prohibited from inclusion in IRAs and similar self-directed retirement plans. This was before ICTA was formed (1983); in fact, this was one of the primary factors that drove industry leaders to create ICTA as the industry's advocate in Washington, DC.

When the American Eagle coin program was launched in 1986, there was a section of the legislation that allowed Eagles to be accepted as investments for IRAs (the law essentially said that for purposes of IRAs these coins would not be considered "collectibles".) In the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997. ICTA was successful in getting a law passed that expanded this to allow many other precious metals bullion products to be included also (subject to certain fineness and other limitations.)

So this bill merely seeks to restore your pre-1981 choices to you. Even now certain corporate pension plans can still include numismatic coins; but the average individual cannot. Again, not very fair.

The Good News - You can have a serious and very real impact on whether any of these changes will be made. Just send a short email (or phone call) to each of your two U.S. Senators letting them know you want them to support these bills. **If they don't hear from you they have no reason to pay particular attention to these bills.**

Sending your email is simple:

You can find contact information for your US Senators at http://www.senate.gov/. In the upper right-hand corner of that page, are boxes that you can fill in to find your Senators and their contact information. In the subject line of your email just write "SUPPORT" - S. 1769, S. 394 & S. 1367. (Or select those bills you want him/her to vote for.)

Here's some suggested language for the text of your email:

> As your constituent, I urge you to co-sponsor Senate bills S. 1769 (Options for Investors through United States Certified Coins Act of 2009), S. 394 (Art and Collectibles Capital Gains Tax Treatment Parity Act), and S.1367 (Fair Treatment for Precious Metals Investors Act). These three bills seek to level the playing field for small investors in precious metals and rare coins. As a small investor, I deserve the same opportunities for ensuring my financial future that the large pension/profit sharing plans enjoy. These three bills will restore investment options and incentives that will help me take responsibility for securing my financial future. It is a matter of simple fairness, and they should be passed as soon as posssible. Thank you for your support of these issues that are of great importance to me and thousands of other working Americans. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Senate offices offer the opportunity to communicate with them by email, but if you don't wish to email, a telephone call to their offices is acceptable as well. Just tell the receptionist that you wish to express support for pending legislation and they will direct you to the appropriate staff member.)

Please do this now! An email, fax, or phone call is quick and easy, and your calls and emails do make a difference. (Not computer literate? Look in the pages in the front of your phone book for your senators' phone numbers.)

THE MOST IMPORTANT PARAGRAPH IN THIS ARTICLE: Not planning on sending an email? Especially for those of you who feel you "can't fight city hall", here's proof that you can: **If you couldn't "fight city hall" (and win!) then NO state would have a sales tax exemption on coins and precious metals and you wouldn't be able to put ANY precious metals products in your IRA. You'll have to find a different excuse....**

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YN's Have FUN

Young Numismatists

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ANA Governor Walter A. Ostromecki
Mr. Richard Nachbar - Richard Nachbar Rare Coins
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How would you like to help write a book on coin collecting.

There is a way to help. In 2000, Kevin Flynn wrote a book on Coin Collecting for Kids."He is now working on four coin collecting books for kids, they are:

1. Coin Dealers and Kids
2. Family Coin Collecting
3. Kids Coins - For Kids Starting Coin Collecting
4. Using Coin Collecting to Help Teach

He is looking for articles from YNs to be published in the different books.With your expertise, you can share your experience and expertise at a peer level.Who else can better relate to a kid than another kid?

Some topics might be:

1. Ideas for Coin Dealers to Help Kids
2. Best way to start collecting
3. Coin collecting at different ages
4. YN coin dealers
5. Coin collecting "bridging the generations"

So if you want to participate, send me your thoughts, feelings and opinions, at my email address and I will send them to Kevin

YN Trivia question of the quarter.

People suggested to congress that we needed a common monetary system for all the states now that we were no longer colonies. Who's plan prevailed? What was it, and what are we still using today?

Send your answers to Tony Bonaro: t.bonaro@xorail.com by March 31, 2010

Tony B.

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(If applicant is 12-18 years old, the legal guardian should sign)

Type of Membership desired
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Proposer _____
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Florida United Numismatist, Inc.
2009 Yearly Treasurer's Reportt

General Checking Account

Balance:	January 1, 2009		$26,611.86
Receipts:	Dues Collected	$37,216.00	
	Ads, Topics, Best	$39,812.42	
	Transferred from Show Account	$123,975.00	
	Miscellaneous Income	$0.00	
	Total Receipts	**$201,003.42**	
		Subtotal	**$227,615.28**
Disbursements:	Four Issues Topics	$53,328.71	
	Postage, Topics	$6,159.39	
	Jim Best, Editor Topics	$7,000.00	
	Jim Best, Commission	$5,557.89	
	Topics, Phone	$476.60	
	Topics, Expense	$361.30	
	Topics, Writers	$527.96	
	Office Expenses	$418.23	
	Staff Expenses	$2,673.60	
	Life Members into General Fund	$0.00	
	Program Ads Refunded to Lake Mary Account	$8,439.31	
	Misc. Expenses - PO Box, Supplies	$2,990.00	
	Bank Fees	$226.45	
	Convention Chairman Salary	54,805.42	
	Presidents Fund	0.00	
	IRS Taxes	$25,932.09	
	Total Disbursements	**$168,896.95**	
Balance on Hand:	December 31, 2009		**$58,718.33**

Florida United Numismatist Building Fund

Balance as of January 1, 2009	**$467,593.23**	
Regions #7024048839 C.D.		$63,91.40
Regions #7024047015 C.D.		$53,138.60
Regions #7024088432 C.D.		$41,234.42
Regions #0033399174 C.D.		$49,588.95
Regions #7020032054 Savings Account (Life Members)		$7,814.81
Regions #00070281211 C.D.		$31,789.51
SunTrust Bank #130000001 C.D.		$136,860.42
SunTrust Bank #130000002 C.D.		$23,033.21
SunTrust Bank #130000003 C.D.		$69,017.80
T Rowe Price #522198144-0 Blue Chip Growth Mutual Fund		$7,807.32
T Rowe Price #522198140-8 Blue Chip Growth Mutual Fund		$3,535.33
Balance on Hand: December 31, 2009		**$487,738.77**

Submitted by Carrie Best, Treasurer

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A23148	WILLIAMS JENNY	FL
23149	MARCH BOB	CA
23150	DELGUERCIO, NICHOLAS	FL
23151	ENGLISH, ERNEST	LA
23152	CAMPBELL, MARK	AR
23153	DELGIORNO, VICTOR	LA
23154	NASON, KAREN	CA
23155	ADCOCK, ARTHUR F	IL
23156	WITHERELL, JOHN	CA
23157	RUBIN, LENNY	FL
23158	ROBBINS, CHRISTIAN	VA
23159	DEGASPERIS, JOHN	NY
23160	FRIZZELL, FRASER	CANADA
23161	MCNAMARA, JACK	NJ
23162	COHEN, JESSICA	NJ
23163	GALLAGHER, LOURDES HELENA	FL
23164	GREEN, CHRIS SR.	CA
23165	WHEELHOUSE, LEYLA	IL
23166	FRUEH, NICOLE	OH
23167	SWANSON, BRETT	NE
23168	MARKEL, BRIAN J.	NE
23169	MAMIYE, CHARLES	NJ
23170	CHASSAGNE, LOU	MD
A23171	CHASSAGNE, TRUDIE	MD
A23172	ALIATI, AMBER	FL
J23173	ALIATI, GIOVANNI	FL
J23174	VANTWUYVER, KYLER	FL
J23175	VANTWUYVER, THOMAS	FL
23176	ISON, GREG	GA
23177	DINGELDEIN, MIKE	KY
23178	WOODARD, MIKE	CT
23179	URAM, THOMAS J.	PA
23180	LEMAITRE, SUSAN	FL
23181	KOMMOR, STEVEN D.	KY
23182	SULLIVAN, TOM	MA
23183	YANCEY, SHAWN A	MO
23184	MEGLER, MICHAEL	FL
23185	FRYE, RUSSELL	FL
23186	MARTIN, LAWRENCE	CA
23187	WEINER, MONTE	NY
23188	ORCHOLSKI, JIM	WI
23189	GREEN, MIKE	MI
23190	HUGGINS, MICHAEL	TX
23191	CALDWELL, CHAD	TX
A23192	BIXBY, JESSICA	FL
23193	WEITZ DR LOWELL E	OH
23194	CAPPS, CHRIS	WI
23195	CAPPS, ROBIN	WI
23196 - NOT ISSUED		
J23197	TRAYNOR, TIFFANY	CO
23198	STURGEON, ROY	PA

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#	NAME	ST.
23199	HORN, IAN	FL
23200	PATTACINI, PAUL	GA
23201	DONNELLY, JOHN M.	PA
23202	WILLIAMS, JON	MI
23203	HARTJE, BOB	TN
23204	PEDERSEN, KEITH	NJ
23205	DAY, WALTER	FL
A23206	DAY, CHERYL	FL
J23207	DAY, OLIVIA	FL
23208 - NOT ISSUED		
23209	BERG, KENNETH	FL
23210	GREEN, KEN	FL
23211	SIMPLER, AL	FL
23212	BONURA, JOSEPH W.	FL
23213	SMITH, RANDALL	NC
23214	PAREKH, DIPAK	FL
23215	URCE, ROGER	NY
23216	DEVAUL, KEN	FL
23217	MCKIBBIN, ASHLEY	FL
23218	HUDDLESTON, LARRY	FL
23219	LAROUCHE, OLIVER	FL
23220	LAROUCHE, LINDSAY	FL
23221	BOOKSTON, MARTIN	FL
A23222	BALLARD, KEVIN	AR
23223	GAUVREAU, DIANE	CANADA
23224	GLASSMAN, ANDREW	CA
23225	KIICK, KIM	CO
23226	STERN, ROZA	NY
23227	SCHIMKAT, LISA	FL
A23228	MAXWELL, LINDA	FL
23229	BOOKSTON, JEREMY	FL
23230	TRUESDELL, DAVID	CO
23231	TINKCOM, BILL	SD
23232	MARTIN, J.P.	CO
23233	HAGER, ALAINA	FL
A23234	LAPORTE, LOUANN	FL
23235	CARROLL, EDDIE	TN
23236	CESARI, GILBERTO	BRAZIL
23237	LINK, CHARLES	IA
23238	WEINSTEIN, ASHLEY	NY
23239	LIEBERMAN, ARIEL	NY
23240	KASELITZ, DOUGLAS	MI
23241	GOFF, TIM	TX
23242	BROWN, CLINT	TX
23243	SIEGFRIED, DANIEL	PA
23244	BURTON, GARY	FL
23245	BUCHMOYER, DEREK	FL
23246	HOWARD, JEFF	CA
23247	OREND, SHARON E.	FL
23248	JOHNSON, MIKE	NV
23249	CUSHING, BRIAN	MA
23250	THOMPSON, VICTORIA	GA
23251	BAUMAN, BRIAN	NY
23252	COSTELLO, BEN	PA
23253	LUNDSTEN, JOHN	NC
23254	DENIS, RON	TX
A23255	RUSH, TERESA	GA
23256	RUSH, RANDY	GA
23257	MILLIGAN, MIKE	FL
23258	LOEWENTSTERN, ELLIOT	FL
23259	FRERET, BRETT	LA
23260	FRERET, CHRIS	LA
23261	WILLIAMS, CHRIS H.	FL
23262	BALDWIN, STANLEY	TX
23263	STOKES, BILL	TX
A23264	ABEL, MARGARET O.	FL
23265	ABEL, PAUL M.	FL
23266	SUTTON, DANIEL E.	CA
23267	GLASER, ALLEN	NE
23268	ZAUG, ALLEN	WI
23269	BOWNESS, PAUL	CANADA
23270	WILLIAMS, STEPHEN	FL
J23271	SHEHEEN, OLIVIA	SC
J23272	BRADDOCK, AUSTIN	SC
23273	HARDEN, MICHAEL D.	FL
23274	LECLERC, KEITH	FL
23275	LECLERC, BRIAN	FL
23276	STAMEY, BRIAN	FL
23277	HOWE, TRENT	FL
23278	LAPORTE, LOUANN	FL
J23279	LANGFORD, MATTHEW	FL
J23280	TARR, DANIEL	FL
J23281	ROGERS, JAMES	FL
J23282	WALZAK, NICHOLAS	FL
J23283	MOORE, MICHAEL	FL
J23284	GIFFORD, MITCH	IL
J23285	GIFFORD, ALLY	IL
J23286	STEPHENS, ZACHARY	FL
J23287	BRADDY, CORY KEITH	FL
J23288	RODRIGUEZ, JOSHUA	FL
J23289	RODRIGUEZ, ASHLEY	FL
J23290	MCHUGH, GABRIEL	FL
J23291	CONTALDI, DANIEL	FL
23292	FIRSTENBERGER, ROGER	FL
A23293	FIRSTENBERGER, LISA	FL
23294	ROSSI, GEORGE III	FL
J23295	DAVIDSON, MITCHELL	FL
23296	SWALINA, SHARON	FL
23297	SINK, DARRIN	FL
J23298	SINK, DAVID	FL
23299	REED, KATY OVERTON	FL
23300	DI MASI, PETER	CT
23301	VENICE COIN & CURRENCY CLUB	FL
23302	LAMARTINA, WAYNE	FL
23303	MCHUGH, KEVIN F.	FL
23304	FISHMAN, ERROL M.	FL
J23305	CAO, TERESA	FL
J23306	NGUYEN, MARIA	FL
J23307	GORMAN, DANIELLE	FL
J23308	RIVERA, GABRIELA	FL
J23309	GORMAN, BROOKE	FL
23310	RACKLEY, JON GRAY SR.	FL
23311	ALBURY, MARK	FL
J23312	GARRISON, HALEIGH	FL
J23313	SEMINARA, JIMMY	FL
J23314	SCHETTINO, ANTHONY	FL
J23315	SCHETTINO, PAULIE	FL
J23316	KOUCHALAKOS, ALEX	FL
J23317	KOUCHALAKOS, BRITNEY	FL
23318	BRYANS, CHUCK	GA
A23319	BRYANS, LOTA	GA
23320	SANBORN, SCOTT	FL
J23321	RODRIGUEZ, ANTHONY	FL
23322	CANE, JANICE	FL
23323	DOLLAR, LIBBY	FL
J23324	YOUNG, SAMANTHA	FL
23325	NAUMANN, KEN	FL
23326	SCHULTZ, STEVE	FL
23327	HAMILTON, JEN	PA
A23328	LADIN, NATALIE	FL
23329	LADIN, JED	FL

Deaths: Bill Shepard

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AND A PERSONAL NOTE...

FUN President Bob Hurst and Bourse Chairperson Cindy Wibker take time out of their very busy schedule at the FUN show to attend the ICTA Board meetings that we have in conjunction with the show each year. This year, Eloise and I were totally surprised to each be awarded a 2010 FUN Presidential Award! We want to thank FUN President Bob Hurst for this great honor (and for a huge surprise!) We couldn't ask for a better way to begin the New Year. Many thanks to the entire FUN organization for all the many ways they support ICTA.

For more information on ICTA, you can visit the website at www.ictaonline.org. For membership information call 410-686-7005 (Executive Office) or 504-392-0023 (Industry Affairs Office.) ICTA is a non profit national association representing the rare coin, currency and precious metals industry. ICTA is supported solely by membership dues and donations.

Diane

FUN is Fun

By Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.

This year the Florida United Numismatist (FUN) convention was very special for me. It was the year that my son Alex, now 24 years old, finally got to attend a FUN show with me.

Alex became interested in coins when he was 10 years old. I would leave him home for a week every January to attend the annual FUN show. Because Alex went to public school and then college, he was never able to travel to a FUN show. I imagine the mere word "FUN" conjured up thoughts of something quite enjoyable to him.

One year, early in his exposure to coins, I asked Alex what coin he would like me to bring him from FUN. His reply, as he smiled was "an 1804 dollar". I recall finding a nice counterfeit for $25 from a FUN dealer and when I arrived home and handed it to him, you should have seen his face light up. I ultimately told him the truth about the coin, but I don't think it really mattered. Over the years, I never pushed coins on Alex as he was busy with sports, girlfriends, and growing up.

Making the annual trek to the FUN show each year has its perks for us northerners. We usually have bitter cold temperatures, and often a few inches to a foot or more of snow. So, the thought of sunshine, blue sky, and doing what I love most at FUN is what I most look forward to each year. It didn't much seem to matter to Alex that this year FUN had record lows and freezing weather. He still had fun!

Attending one of the largest coin shows of the year makes me feel like a kid in a candy shop and I know Alex felt the same way. We sold a few of my duplicates, bought rare die varieties and acquired some beautiful coins. We attended educational forums (Scott Travers and Maurice Rosen on Buying & Selling Gold) and specialty club meetings (EAC, Liberty Seated and SSDC), bought and sold in Heritage's auction, and met and socialized with a variety of numismatic friends that I've made over the years. The annual National Silver Dollar Roundtable (NSDR) dinner at Ruth's Chris steakhouse, an event I always look forward to, is second to none.

Alex was treated well by everyone he met and I know he thoroughly enjoyed his first FUN experience. There are a lot of good people in the hobby, and the FUN show seems to really bring them out.

Special thanks go to Orion Jones (OJ) at Atlas coins, Port St. Lucie, FL for selling Alex a nice and rare proof-like 1896 O dollar, and Matt at Numismatic Financial Corporation, Winter Springs, FL for selling Alex a nice 1905 $20 Liberty. Each of these dealers took time to talk to Alex, to educate him about these coins, and to make attending FUN a pleasant experience.

Knowledge is King!

Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.

Co-author, The Top 100 Morgan Dollar Varieties The VAM Keys

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Summer Seminar

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As mentioned earlier Mr. Douglas Mudd is the Museum Curator for the ANA. The museum holds a priceless collection of numismatic and related materials. In the museum you have the opportunity to view coins rarely seen and highly desired. You can view m famous nickels, rare dollars and even military medals. You can not see it all in just one trip.

I highly recommend that any adult or YN member of F.U.N. send in an application for a Summer Seminar scholarship. The experience is awesome, the adventure is beyond expectation, and the knowledge and memories last a life time. On Thursday night we had a reception to recognize our staff and instructors, pass out awards and say good bye to the many new friends we made over the past week. To say the least, the week went entirely too fast. Never the less, David and I departed with the words, "We will be back"

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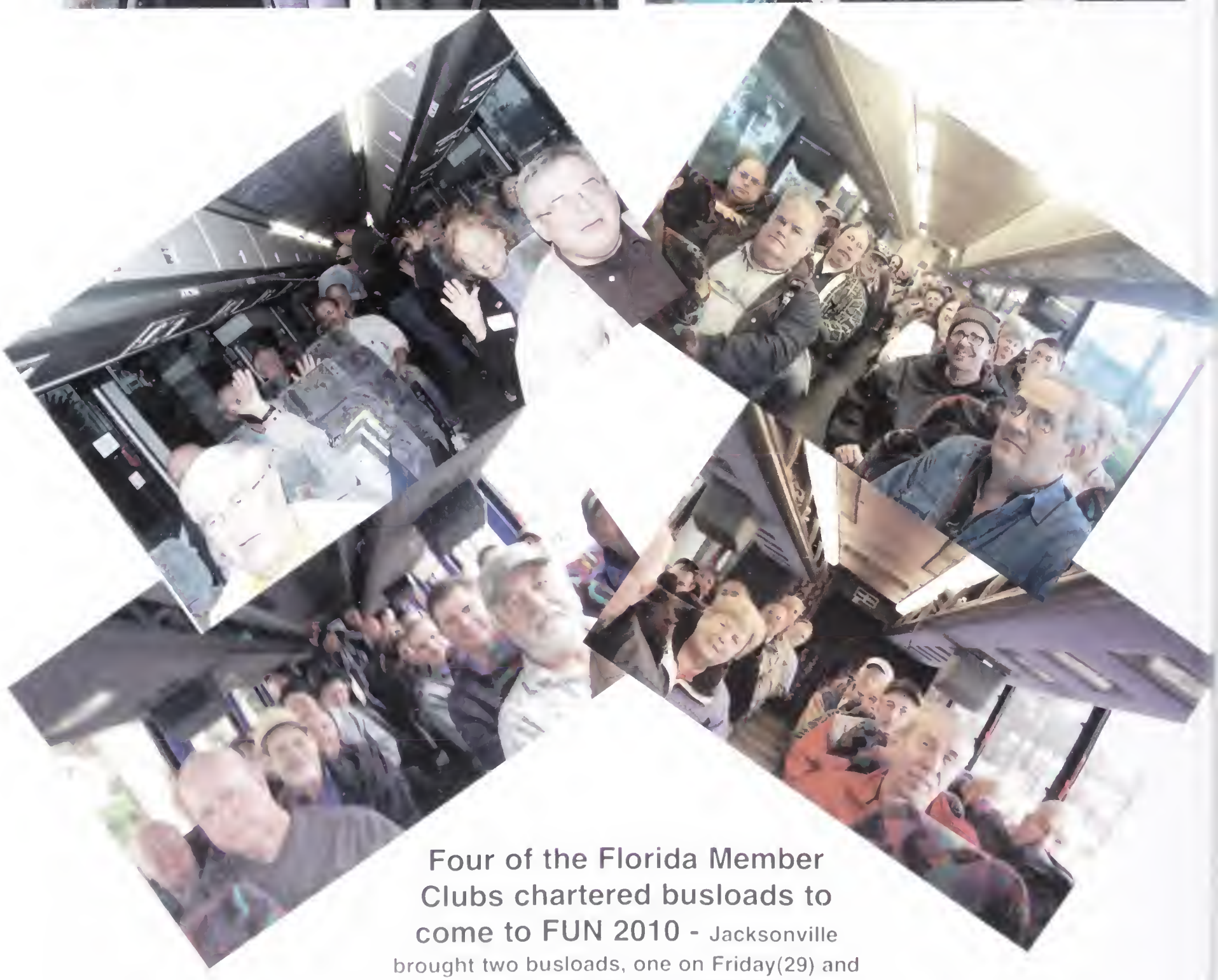

Four of the Florida Member Clubs chartered busloads to come to FUN 2010 - Jacksonville brought two busloads, one on Friday(29) and another on Saturday(53). Sarasota(39), W. Hernando(23), and W. Palm Beach(44).

FUN 2010

FUN General Membership Meeting
Sunday, January 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by FUN President Bob Hurst. Hurst asked everyone in attendance to please turn off their cell phones during the meeting. Nancy Casey reported that there are six openings on the FUN board with nine nominations. Casey stated that the election results will be announced later in the meeting. Carrie Best gave her treasurer's report. She said her report was for FUN's general operating account only, and did not include the convention account funds. The report was attached to the wall for those who wanted to review it.

Tony Swicer presented his general chairman's report - He hoped all liked the theme and will collect all the park quarters. Swicer stated that the National Park Service made donations to the YN's. Randy Campbell said FUN had an incredible array of speakers for FUN's 2010 educational program with 17 programs, the highest number for any FUN show. He listed all of the speakers and topics by name and thanked all of them. He also thanked Cindy Wibker and Fred Lake for all their help.

Randy Campbell presented the A.J. Vinci Award to Don Bonser, Scott Travers and Beth Deisher. Randy Campbell presented the Charlie Fine Literary Award for the best article published in FUN Topics during the previous (2009) calendar year. The recipient this year was B.J. Neff for his article "Something New From China".

The Polly Abbott Service Award was presented by a committee of Cindy Wibker, Ed Abbott and Nancy Casey. Abbott & Casey were the first ever recipients of the award in 2009. The award was presented to FUN President Bob Hurst for all his time and dedication to FUN.

Tony Swicer presented the adult scholarship winner to David Frank. No YN applications were received.

Cindy Wibker presented her convention coordinator's report and welcomed everyone to FUN 2010. Last year we set a record with 562 10x10 booths, and this year we broke the record with 570. The count included 318 regular booths and 252 corner booths which use 2 8x30 tables. That means a total of 822 8x30 tables occupied. Wibker thanked the dealers for their support and faith in FUN. Included in the above table count in addition to our coin dealers are 15 FUN member clubs, book and supply dealers, grading services, six foreign mints, and some trade publications. Wibker thanked Coin World and Numismatic News for helping with FUN's advertising needs and publicity throughout the year. Wibker also extended a hearty "thank you" to Heritage Numismatic Auctions for securing incredible consignments and producing awesome FUN auction catalogs. The 1913- nickel auctioned this year was the "queen of the ball" and FUN is privileged to have it as an auction lot in our convention sale.

Tony Swicer, FUN's VP is this years general chairman for the convention with the theme for 2010 "Have FUN Collecting the National Park Quarters". Wibker thanked him for designing the entrance unit to the show, our convention medals, lapel pins and our give-away which were ink pens. Tony has worked very hard all year on pulling together his ideas, and I thank him for his dedication to the job.

Wibker thanked the entire FUN board and volunteer staff for all their hard work. FUN;s 16 board members attend approximately four board meetings a year to set policy and make sure the foundation is laid for the conventions. Then they give two weeks to work the conventions, in addition to 20-25 volunteer workers. We're still wrapping up FUN 2010 and she's already excited about Summer FUN 2010, which will be in Orlando in the building across the street and FUN 2011, which will be in Tampa. Wibker hopes to see all at the Summer FUN 2010.

Cindy Wibker gave the FUN Membership Chairman's Report stating that before the 2010 FUN show began there were 621 Life Members, 2,531 Regular Adult Members, 334 Associate Adult Members, 318 Junior Members for a total of 3,804 total members, which included 850 paid for 2009 who have not yet paid for 2010. Some will renew at this convention and the others will be sent a "final notice" in March. In addition to the above numbers, approximately 300 new members are enrolled as a result of the convention. After the new members are included and those who do not pay for 2010 are deleted, FUN's membership holds steady at approximately 3,500-3,600 members each year.

Nancy Casey thanked all of her workers at the dealer registration counters. Casey stated that they registered 1548 dealers and sold 187 early birds. Ed Abbott thanked all of his workers at keys and cases. He stated that for the past five years everything has run very smoothly. He also thanked the "clown" Fred Lake. Steve Hodges stated that the dealer move in ran very smoothly and thanked all from the Central Florida Coin Club for their help

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Tony Bonaro stated that he had an excellent YN program with 49 YN's attending. Bonaro thanked everyone who made donations. Summer FUN is ready to go. The afternoon scouting program went as planned with 46 registered scouts and 40 scouts reporting late. There was a total of 105 boy scouts attending. Parents help with the scout program There are a total of 317 YN's, so we need to encourage the YN's to apply for the ANA Scholarship. Donna Moon stated that public registration was manned by the Central Florida Coin Club with 16 members volunteering. There were 8500 public registered between Thursday and Saturday. Donna thanked her sister and brother in law for all their help in manning the communication center.

Tony Swicer reported that 2009 was the best year ever with communications with Florida clubs. The third annual Club of the Year will be presented at the Summer FUN show. Swicer stated that he already has applications in for the award. Four clubs applied for help with scheduling a bus to come to the show, Greater Jacksonville had a total of 89 people for Friday and Saturday, West Hernando - 23, Sarasota - 39, Palm Beach - 44. FUN subsidizes $25.00 per person up to a total of $1,000.

Bob Russell, Chief Exhibit Judge stated that we need more exhibitors. Everything went very smoothly w/Fran Lockwood's help. Bob Hurst thanked Fran and Ray Lockwood for all their work with exhibits. Fran thanked the decorators at Shepard, Randy, Corey and Amy for all their help. Lockwood also thanked Mac, Dennis and Sandy for helping set up the exhibit area. She thanked Bob Russell, Tony Swicer, Bob Hurst, Cindy Wibker, the FUN board, judges and exhibitors for all their help. We need more YN exhibitors as there were only two and the goal is 10. There were 26 exhibitors, 16 non competitive (4 exhibitors), 99 competitive cases representing 16 exhibitors. There were also 24 judges. The exhibitors represented 14 states.

There was 400 People Choice ballots passed out, 299 turned in and two exhibits did not get any votes. Lockwood honored three former exhibitors and judges, they were Steve Middleton, Rollie Finner & Radford Stearns, saying that they will be greatly missed.
Bob Russell and Fran Lockwood presented the awards for U.S. Coins, Paper Money, Medals, Orders, Tokens & Decorations, Foreign Coins, Errors, Miscellaneous and YN's. A list of the winners will be in the Spring Topics.

Lockwood presented the People's Choice award to Mack Martin, who wanted to pass it to the second place winner, as he had won the award in 2009, but he also came in second place, so he kept the award. Lockwood presented the Best in Show to Mack Martin.

Bob Hurst opened the envelope and read the results of the election. Nancy Casey recorded the vote count reported from CPA Wayne Catledge, who handled FUN's election. The results are as follows:

Board of Directors:

Mickey Achenbach	162	Fred Lake	398
Tony Bonaro	300	Tom Palmer	307
Randy Campbell	505	Bob Russell	280
Bill Hancock	290	Jeanne Shepard	362
Pete Hickey	250		

Six of the nine board nominees were elected. Serving on the FUN board for the next two years are Tony Bonaro, Randy Campbell, Bill Hancock, Fred Lake, Tom Palmer and Jeanne Shepard. Following the voting announcement, former President and friend of ANA Anthony Swiatek swore in the newly-elected FUN board members and thanked the FUN directors and board for all their dedication.

There was no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Casey
Secretary, FUN

Summer Seminar

By David Bonaro

Before I tell my great story about my experience about ANA summer seminar I would like to thank Florida United numismatic for their generosity in awarding me this once in a life time opportunity. The day started out well, my father and I got to the airport in plenty of time to get on the plane and start our journey to Colorado Springs. After our plane ride we got out into Colorado Springs airport where we immediately saw the ANA staff awaiting our arrival with smiles on their faces. They showed us to the shuttle to Colorado college where we checked in and went to our new homes for the next week I stayed in the Colorado college inn which was very comfortable and accommodating. I had one roommate named Thomas. We became good friends over the course of the week.

We explored the campus for the rest of Saturday until that night when they had the official start of the seminar with the opening meeting where they welcomed us and told us how everything was run. The next morning after eating breakfast which was provided by the Colorado College which was very delicious in my opinion, we started off to our classes. I took the class 'The Art of Money' taught by Laura Stocklin. On the first day we were outfitted with our gravers and learned how to use all the new tools we would need. The next day we began Engraving, we were assigned to engrave the picture of a Small goblet. For the next two days we engraved our small masterpieces. That Wednesday we were taught how to print with our new made plates we engraved on. We all printed on special canvas paper.

The next day we began to work on our designing of a new metal which we would make out of plaster. After starting our first steps of this we were privileged to tour one of the vaults in the ANA national Museum, in which we saw great master pieces of engraving and all sorts of cool things.

I would also like to talk about the great mini seminars that I participated in. For one I did the minting mayhem a class, teaching all about errors and even letting us make our own. Also I participated in the cave of the winds tour, on this we took a shuttle up on a large mountain and we were guided through a tour of the large caves on the inside.

On Wednesday night one of the craziest funniest things ever happened for the YN's. We had the YN auction where it was a mad house where collectors would buy things and all donations were donated to giving YN's scholarships to the next years seminar. But sadly like all good things they must come to an end, Thursday night we attended the closing ceremony banquette where some slightly unusual actions occurred During the presentations of awards bidding started for Tiny or Daniel tiny Cross to shave the beard he had grown over the past fourteen years. The bidding continued until almost Three thousand dollars was made, and that was the end of my first year at summer seminar

1913 Liberty Nickel brings $3.73 million at Heritage Auctions January FUN U.S. Coin auction

Part of Heritage Auctions' $53 million numismatic auctions week; Strength seen holding in U.S. Rare Coin market

DALLAS, TX -- An awed hush fell over the Platinum Night bidding floor of Heritage Auctions' Orlando FL FUN U.S. Coin Auction on Thursday, Jan. 7, as "The Olsen Specimen" 1913 Liberty Nickel, PR 64 NGC, lived up to its billing as the most famous American coin by bringing a jaw-dropping $3,737,500. This figure is tied for the third-largest sum ever paid at auction for a single U.S. coin.

With the 1913 nickel, Heritage sold three $1 million+ U.S. coins in the auction, only the third time this has ever been done in a single event, all by Heritage, and this auction is the first time that all three coins hammered above the $1,000,000 mark.

The most famous of the five known Liberty Nickels was the principal highlight in Heritage's $36.5 million+ U.S. Coin Auction, which itself is the principal component of Heritage's $53 million January 2010 numismatic auctions, collectively composed of U.S. Coins and Currency at Orlando FUN and the NYINC World Coins Auction, which realized $11 million+ over the first weekend of the new year. All prices include 15% Buyer's Premium.

"We're still continuing to see solid results in the U.S. Coin market," said Greg Rohan, President of Heritage Auctions, "despite the fluctuations of the overall economy in the last year. We expected a drop off of some kind from the record prices of two years ago, but were still surprised to see just how well everything performed. In fact, the auction exceeded our estimates by 20%. Combine that with more than 6,300 bidders and more than 93% of lots sold and you have a satisfying outcome and a strong statement on the market."

There can be no doubt that the legendary 1913 Liberty Nickel is the King of 20th Century Coins and the "The Olsen Specimen," whose provenance roster reads like a Who's Who of the rich and famous - including a famous Egyptian king and the current owner of the Los Angeles Lakers , not to mention an appearance as the centerpiece of a 1973 episode of Hawaii Five-O - is the most famous of the fine known.

"The bidding on this coin was definitely competitive," said Rohan. "The winner is an advanced East Coast collector who, needless to say, now has the ultimate centerpiece to his collection and has assured his place in numismatic history."

F.U.N.
Awards two scholarships to ANA Summer seminars

Adult Scholarship Program

This program is to assist adult(s) to attend the Annual ANA Summer Seminar with dormitory rooming, tuition, and coach transportation. We hope the intent of the scholarship matches your expectation. Below we outline the qualification process and the guidelines the F.U.N. board of Directors have approved. GOOD LUCK!!!

2010 Winner - David Frank

Eligibility:

1) Membership in F.U.N. for at least one year before applying for scholarship.
2) Membership in the American Numismatic Association.
3) Demonstrated interest and ability in sharing knowledge through one or more of the following:
   a) Giving presentations to non-numismatic entities, such as schools, community service groups, Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.
   b) Presenting programs at coin clubs or coin shows.
   c) Writing articles for local, regional, or national numismatic publications.
   d) Serving in leadership positions for local clubs, or volunteering to help insure a successful coin club or coin show.
4) Agreeing to submit an article to FUN Topics upon return from the Annual ANA Summer Seminar on the subject matter of your class.
5) This award must be used the year it is awarded.

General Guidelines:

Submit a short Essay (less than 500 words) on what you have done for numismatics since becoming involved in the hobby. Tell us your area of interest and how the ANA Summer Seminar would help in pursuing your goals. Please give examples of how you plan to share your experiences with fellow hobby enthusiasts after attending the seminar. **The deadline for your application must be postmarked by October 1, 2010** and mailed to: FUN, Nancy Casey, Secretary, 2293 Austrian Lane #21, Clearwater, FL 33763.

BEST-OF-SHOW

The Best-of-Show Exhibit winner will be presented the Louis Montesi Award along with a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar at the Annual Florida United Numismatist coin convention every year. The following requirements will apply.

2010 Winner - Mack Martin

1. Only one scholarship will be given each year for the Best-of-Show winner.
2. Your subject matter may not win the scholarship in consecutive years. In case the same exhibit would get another Best-of-Show within a consecutive year, no scholarship would be given out that year.
3. If you win the scholarship, you would be required to be an ANA member before the scholarship is awarded.
4. You are required to write an article for FUN-Topics.
5. FUN will pay for coach airfare, tuition, and a room in the dorm and food in the campus cafeteria. If anyone wants to stay and eat elsewhere, they will be given a $ amount equal to the "Campus rates".
6. The award must be used the year it is awarded.
7. Any deviation from the above must be approved by the FUN Board of Directors.

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